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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with the above-identified \$371 national stage application based on PCT International Application No. PCT/IL2004/000515, filed June 15, 2004, designating the United States and claiming priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/479,224, filed June 16, 2003. Thirty (30) months from the priority date is December 16, 2005. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

A new **Abstract of the Disclosure** is referred to on page 3 of this paper and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.